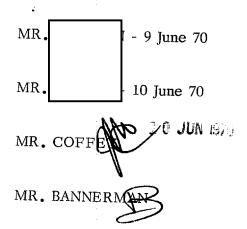
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT

: Military Career Trainees

REFERENCE

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Subj: Career Training Program,

Quarterly Report

- 1. I note in referent report to the Director that all of the losses from the Career Training Program are military CT's who resigned upon completion of military obligation. I think this raises once again the question of whether these individuals are truly motivated toward making a career in the Central Intelligence Agency or in performing their military obligation only on duty with us.
 - 2. Would you please look into the history of this Program and give me a report, along with your recommendations, sometime in the very near future.

L. K. White

Executive Director-Comptroller

Attachment: Reference

cc: Director of Personnel

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f Career Training Program, Quarterly Report

REFERENCE

Memo for Director of Personnel from Director, dated 22 Aug 68, Same Subject

- 1. This memorandum is for your information, in answer to your request in the referent memorandum.
- 2. As of 31 December 1969 there were current and former Career Trainees on duty in the Agency. During the period January March 1970 a total of 8 were added to the Program and 24 resigned.
- 3. Of the 24 who separated, 15 left for job-related resons, of whom 9 expressed disappointment with their experience here. An examination of the Fitness Reports of these 9 reveals that 4 were performing their jobs well and were rated Strong, while 5 who performed less well were rated Proficient. The remaining 6 who left for job-related reasons included 2 whose performance was unsatisfactory and 4 who wished to pursue another career but who were otherwise satisfied with their experience in the Agency.
- 4. Losses during the past quarter, compared with experience during the previous two years, were as follows:

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	Jon-Mar 1968	Janwilar 1960	Janus ar 1976
Average Age	29	30	31
Average Grade	GS-10.0	GS-10.8	GS-10.5
Average Tenure	39 mos.	57 mos.	56 mes.
Reasons Stated: External Factors Job Related	4 (24%) 13 (76%)	11 (40%) 17 (60%)	9 (37.5%) 15 (62.5%)

5. Exit interviews were conducted with 21 who resigned at Hoadquarters; 3 who resigned in absorbia submitted written statements regarding their reasons for departure. Results are reflected, by Directorate, in the attached summaries.

/s/ Robert S. Wattles

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Rame	Age	Grade	Time in Acency	Assignment	Reasons for Separation
	28	GS-10/2	35 mos.	FI/D	Uncertain about long-range desire for Agency career; returned to graduate school to complete advanced degree.
	29	GS-10/2	35 mos.	AF	Decided he is not suited to CS career; saw uncertain future and poor prospects for advancement.
	37	GS-12	94 mos.	ccs	Desire for career change.
	34	GS-12	76 mos.	ccs	Difficulties of achieve- ment in non-official cover position; loss of interest in Agency career.
	. 33	GS-12	127 mos.	EUR	Family responsibilities maternity.
	32	GS-11	103 mos.	SB	Desire for career change,
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Name	AFE	Grade	Time in Agency	Assignment	Ressons for Separation
	32	GS-12	75 mos.	AF	Decline in motivation; desire for greater job satisfaction and feeling of contribution.
	34	GS-10/2	41 mos.	FE,	Job dissatisfaction; loss 25X1 of interest in CS career; failure to obtain desired reassignment; offered appointment as Postal Inspector.
	40	GS-11/5	81 mos.	WH	Developing incompatibility with CS career; desire for change; joined John Han-cock Ins. Co.
	31	GS-12	84 mos.	NE	Growing conviction that op- portunities for advance- ment too limited; desire for career change; joined AID.
	37	6S-11/4	66 mos.	FI/D	Dissatisfied with "bureauc- racy in the Agency"; saw limited prospect of achieving any significant responsibility and authority.

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Wane	Ace	Grade	Time in Agency	Assignment	Reasons for Separation
	26	GS-10/2	28 mes.		Dislike for Washington area; lack of challenge and interest in job.
	31	CS-13	62 mos.	ONE	Desire for career change; teeling of having reached plateau with little opportunity to make any further significant contribution.
	30	GS-11/3	67 mos.	DCS	Greater opportunity for advancement in cutside exployment.

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Name	A50	Grade	Time in Amency	Assignment	Reasons for Separation	
	32	GS-10/5	84 mos.	C/DDS	Unsatisfactory performance.	
	32	GS-11/5	78 mos.		Desire for career change; good offer from Bache and Company.	25X1
	28	GS-11/2	40 mos.	W	Dissitisfied with work, and with what he considered his prospects for the future.	
	27	GS-11/2	28 mos.	OP/RD	Offered substantial ad- vancement in private business.	

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Name	Ago	Grade	Time in Acency	Assignment	Reasons for Separation
	29	Captain	22 mos.	CCI	Military CT; resigned upon completion of military obligation; returned to parent service for separation.
	26	lst Lt.	13 mos.	CTP	Military CT; resigned upon completion of military obligation; returned to parent service for separation.
	27	lst Lt.	9 mos.	CTP	Military CT; resigned upon completion of military obligation; returned to parent service for separation.
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